

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Yong Hua Zhu, et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/614,650
Filed	:	July 7, 2003
For	:	DEVICE FOR CLOSING TISSUE OPENINGS
Examiner	:	Melanie J. Hand
Group Art Unit	:	3761

**AMENDMENT****Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action transmitted March 17, 2010, please reconsider the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.